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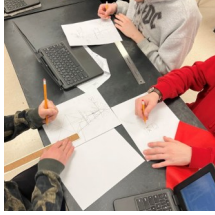
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Academies in Action



JHS Applied Careers & Poppin Flavors at the ribbon-cutting event



NWHS students work on their blueprints for their Windmill PBL



Mock interviews are conducted for all Freshman at CHS



CHS Culinary & Radio/TV students collaborate at the Iron Chef event

Jeffersonville High School Highlights



Students taking courses in the construction trades pathway were visited by the City of Jeff's Stormwater Coordinator who provided a high level overview of his role, the importance of managing stormwater and drainage, and how they work directly with professionals in construction trades on their projects. This initial visit kicked off a forthcoming job shadowing experience, where students will get a deeper dive into what that daily work looks like.

Students in the Applied Careers Classes partnered with Poppin Flavors Gourmet Popcorn to launch an innovative, student-run business incubator program, providing hands-on experience in packaging, inventory management, sales, and marketing. As part of this experience, students created their own unique popcorn brand, which is being sold exclusively within the school. These students collaborated with one of their peers taking a marketing class, who helped design the logo.

Clark County YMCA provided an opportunity for select seniors to take a class to improve their basic technological skills using Microsoft apps and Canva. After completing this class, students were provided a free laptop. Over 20 students took advantage of this opportunity, which was greatly appreciated since seniors won't automatically receive a device from their college or employer—unlike the Chromebook they've been provided with during their time at JHS.

New Washington High School Highlights



Health Service Academy students continue to hear from a wide variety of health career professionals in an effort to further expose them to all of the different career opportunities within the healthcare industry. This month, students heard from a Labor & Delivery staff member from University of Louisville Hospital and a Analytical Chemist who works in a high complexity laboratory that specializes in toxicology and infectious disease testing.

The past month, the Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing Academy have been focused on their Windmill PBL. Students have been learning about how different mechanisms (gears) are used to transfer energy in windmills, and they are using the VEX equipment to build each different gear assembly.

Public Service Academy students heard from the US Coast Guard about the opportunities afforded to graduates that enroll in their branch—from tuition reimbursement to housing. Additionally, they highlighted the roles, mission, and how the USCG responds in times of crisis.

Charlestown High School Highlights



In partnership with Junior Achievement, Freshman Academy students all participated in mock interviews through their Freshman Seminar class. Numerous business professionals volunteered their time to evaluate, provide feedback, and guide students on their elevator pitches, resumes, attire, and interview responses. This low stakes, high value experience for these students will help them as they begin seeking their first, summer job opportunities.

Culinary pathway students fiercely competed against each other to crown the first ever Iron Chef Competition winner. After the classroom winners were determined, they went on to compete against the professional chefs of Aramark. This competition was livestreamed in collaboration with the Radio/TV pathway students, who captured their peers defeating Aramark in the final competition.

Seniors in the Health Services Academy received CPR & Stop the Bleed training via a grant provided by the Greater North Clark Health Foundation. Nearly 40 students will now graduate with this professional certification & training, which will make these students more marketable as they enter the healthcare industry's workforce.